

**COMBINATION THERAPY USING A TNF BINDING PROTEIN  
FOR TREATING TNF-MEDIATED DISEASES**

ABSTRACT

5           The invention relates to methods for  
treating or preventing acute and/or chronic arthritis.  
The method comprises administering to patients in need  
thereof therapeutically effective amounts of a TNF  
binding protein and methotrexate (N-[4-[[2,4-diamino-  
10 6-pteridiny]methylamino]benzoyl]-L-glutamic acid).  
In a preferred embodiment, the TNF binding protein is  
sTNFR-I or sTNFR-II. The invention also relates to  
pharmaceutical compositions containing a TNF binding  
protein and methotrexate useful in such methods.